David (EE '86) and Laura MacKnight

announce the birth of Holly Margaret MacKnighton 4/20/00. She joins sibilings Patrick, 12, Katie, 9, and Rita, 5. The MacKnights live in Greenville, Texas where Dave works for AVO International as an engineer.

Dana (ETAT '88) and Sharon (BYBS '88) Barkdoll

announce the birth of their son, Nathanael James Barkdoll on 5/1/00. Nathan joins brother Jesse, 6, and sister Serra, 22 months.

Cherie "Brady" (MT '88) and Robert Carty

announce the birth of MacKenzie Erin Carty on 6/17/00. Cherie works for GE Marquette Medical as a global planning manager in manufacturing operations. Robert, a West Point graduate, is a quality assurance manager for Starline Manufacturing, and a helicopter pilot with the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

Shawn (EE '89) and Lisa "Clark" Lohstroh (EE '88)

announce the birth of Elizabeth Grace, born 7/18/00. She joined sister Lara and brothers Mark and Matthew.

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Bob (MT/IM '90) and Lori Lorenz

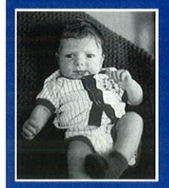
are proud to announce the birth of Olivia Kay Lorenz on 8/9/00. The Lorenz family lives in Longview, Texas, where Bob owns R&R Restoration.

Sam (MT '91) and Colleen Shumate

were blessed with their first baby. Emma Kathryn Shumate was born 8/4/00. The Shumates live in San Diego, Calif.

Dan (EE '90) and Lara "Wallace" (CSMA '91) Rose

met in Binghamton, N. Y. this summer with LU Bible Professor Dr. Holbert Farrell and his wife Carol. Dan and the Farrell's son, David, both work for Universal Investments as statisticians. The Roses have three children, Emily, Maci and Jared.



Bob (ME '91) and Dorinda "Backhaus" (DT '88) Hammond

announce the birth of their first son. Andrew William Hammond was born 5/17/00 in Lafayette, Ind.

Dave (ATBS '91) and Amy Harvey

have a new arrival. Archer James Harvey was born 6/15/00. The Harveys live in Humble, Texas.

Jory (MT '92) and Lisa Feustel

announce the birth of their son, Collin Edward Feustel on 10/27/99. He joins sister Kelsey Joy, 3. The Feustels live in Round Lake, Ill. where Jory works as a senior manufacturing engineer.

Lori Criswell (ME '92) and Joel Mowen

were married on 8/5/00 in Lori's hometown of Louisburg, Kan.

Carl H. Nelson (BUBS '92)

has been appointed the executive director of World Relief Minnesota, which is part of the international disaster response angency of the National Association of Evangelicals. You can congratulate him at *cnelson@wr.org.*

Craig (ACCT '92) and Lisa Robertson

are the proud parents of a baby girl. Sydney Parker Robertson was born 5/29/00. The Robertson's live in Millersville, Penn., where Craig is a partner at Durex Coverings.

Joel Huegel (MTDT '93)

is teaching several courses in mechanical engineering at Kathmandu University this fall. Kathmandu University is a new school in Nepal, seeking to provide quality higher education in a country with only one other recognized university.

David Libby (ATBS '93)

has been working for Chautauqua Airlines, a US-Airways Express carrier, since 1996. He is now a captain in a SAAB 340, based in Hagerstown, MD. Dave and his wife Sherry celebrated their 10th anniversary this year.

Gerald Vano (BSBM '93)

passed away in May of 2000. He is survived by his wife, Alma.

Alan Ward (BUMK '93)

currently lives in Houston, Texas, where he is an independent consultant for Talk City, Inc. Talk City is an online community hosting chat and other services to businesses.

Mark (CST '94) and Dawn Davis

are proud to announce the birth of Daniel William Omer Wesley Davis, born 5/24/00. The Davises live in Edmond, Okla., where Mark works for Sonic Industries, the corporate office for the Sonic Drive-In fast food chain.

Brian (DT '94) and Gidget "Kulp" (DT '93) Hawley

have a son. Timothy Michael Hawley was born 7/29/00. The Hawley's live in Chesapeake, Va.

Steve (MT '95) and Becky ('95A) Cochrane

proudly announce the arrival of Daniel Mark Cochrane, born 6/24/00. He joins brothers Jonny, 4, and Josh, 2. Steve graduated from Southeastern Bible College in May, 2000, with a degree in Biblical Studies. Becky will graduate in 2001. The Cochranes plan to work in foreign missions.

Mark (ATFL '95) and Kara Haakenson

have a new daughter. Katelynne Judith Haakenson was born 4/13/00. She was welcomed home by brother, Logan, 19 months.

Nancee Hoffman (BSBM '95, MBS '97) and Trammell K. Scott, Jr.

were married on 9/24/00 in Fort Worth, Texas. Nancee is the manager of documentation distribution with Alcatel USA. Her job involves the development of both intranet and extranet eBusiness applications for product related documents and customer training.

Glen Kotapish (ATBS '95)

is now living in Baltimore, MD., and working at Skytech, Inc., a General Aviation Fixed Base Operation that works on various types of aircraft.

Kevin (CST '95) and Holly Natale

were married 1/15/00. They currently live in Kirkland,Wash., where Kevin is a senior systems analyst in finance and treasury for Microsoft.

Brad (ME '95) and Susanne Pickens

announce the birth of their son Carter Bradley Pickens on 7/21/00.

Matthew A. (ATFL '95) and Stephanie Smith

are happy to announce the birth of Madelyn Adelaide Smith on 7/6/00.

Kari Johnson (HIE1 '96)

graduated with her master's degree in Education from the University of Portland this summer. She has relocated to Houston where she teaches sophomore English at Fort Bend Baptist Academy.

Kerry Kampschroeder (ACCT '96) and Michelle Pettus

were married on 8/12/00 in Lubbock, Texas. They live in Richardson, Texas, where Michelle is pursuing her masters degree at TWU.

Jonathan Gillett (ATFL '97) and Priscilla Pinder (ATFL '98)

were married 9/9/00 at First Assembly of God Church in Longview, Texas.

Jennifer K. Kelsey (BSBM '97) and Rusty Glenn
were married on 6/17/00.

Karen Koss (BSBM '97) and Sean McGreevey
were married on 6/17/00. The couple live in Puyallup, Wash., where Karen works as a radiation therapist and Sean is a medical therapist.

Francis Miawama (CS '97)
currently lives in Orlando, Fla., where he works as a network systems engineer for Rand Worldwide.

Guy Schaff (ATFL '97)
died in a plane crash on 7/17/00. Guy worked as a pilot for Air Net Systems, Inc. and was living in Tennessee at the time of his death. Guy is survived by his parents **Brad ('69) and Maty Ann Schaff** of Fairport, N.Y.

Jonathan Shenk (ATFL '97)
is living in Puerto Rico and flying as a first officer for American Eagle in the ATR 42/72.

Christopher Clark (ATFL '98) and Darlene Woods
were married 8/26/00 in Candor, N.Y. The two met in Argentina while doing summer missions in 1999.

Elizabeth Devore (BBA '98) and Rodney Asher
were married on 5/20/00 in Alvin, Texas. Dr. Marvin Davenport, a business professor at LU's Houston campus, performed the wedding ceremony, which was attended by classmates of BBA #269.

Melissa White (BUMK '98) and Josh Smith
were married on 8/25/00. They currently live in Shoreline, Wash.

Stephanie Gregor ('99) and Alan Steffens
were married on 8/5/00 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Greg Tonini (MBA '99)
was hired recently to open the first North American office for the Australian-based ecommerce firm in InLogik Pty. Ltd. In addition to responsibilities in marketing and operations, Greg is also the account executive for InLogik's largest global customer, allowing him to utilize all the theory he learned in his International Business class.

BBM Class #268-1999
celebrated its one-year class reunion on 4/29/00. A fun time was had by all as the group, including spouses and dates, attended a day of festivities in Kemah, Texas. Graduates include **Les Becker, Melinda Braswell, Marie Hart, Marilyn Hines, Dalia Jaeger, Lisa Jilek, Wayne Neyland, Giselle Onuekwusi, John Starck, Kim Starck, Nancy Telkins and Craig Winterrowd.**

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Jaime Benge (BUMK '00) and Jason Brewer
were married 7/15/00 at Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview, Texas. They live in Longview where Jason is majoring in Aeronautical Science at LeTourneau University.

Matt Judy (ATBU '00) and Donell Snell
were married 8/11/00 at Petersburg Lutheran Church in Petersburg, Alaska.

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Oct. 21 Alumni & Friends Dinner, Willow Valley Resort, Lancaster, Penn.

Oct. 25-28 **HOMECOMING 2000**

CAMPING

By John Inman

Astronaut training on the anti-gravity walker in Space Camp.

"This is your captain speaking" (Aviation Camp).

Ball dribbling in Soccer Camp.

Dr. Dolittle Camp.

It nearly spanned the alphabet. From Aviation to Wide World of Games, Challenge 2000-LeTourneau's summer camping program--had something to offer everyone. Whether it was rocket launching, tossing and hitting a baseball, shooting a basketball, or playing with ooey-gooey stuff in an art class, a record 1,738 young people took part in LeTourneau University's summer camp program.

The campers, including five from South Korea and one from Russia, took part in 52 camps scheduled from the early June to late July. The nearly 2,000 youngsters ranged in ages from four to teenagers.

The 2000 camping season set yet another all-time enrollment record, growing more than seven percent from 1999.

"If we can provide the highest quality possible, we will continue to grow," said Greg Bath, director of Continuing Studies and the backbone of the summer camp program. Bath, who arrived on the LeTourneau campus in January, already has plans in mind to make the camps even more successful next summer. His motto is: "The More the Merrier."

"I think we can have more camps and attract more kids. We're exploring a 'Counselor-in-Training' program for high school kids. I also hope to expand the number of weeks that we offer next year," he said.

Operating more than 50 camps in locations all over campus calls for careful planning and facilities management, particularly when summer is also the time for major renovation and updating of campus buildings.

"I learned quickly in my first year to use whatever resources we have to help make the camps a better experience," said Bath.

Bath credits three factors as the reasons for the continued growth of the camping program.

First, there is a core of satisfied customers. "Most campers find out about our camps through word of mouth," he said.

Second, community support through scholarships helps pay the way for some campers. Scholarships were provided by Region 7, Texas Eastman, TIC (The Industrial Company)Trinity Industries and individual donors. Region 7, a public educational service district, not only provided scholarships, but also chose the kids from their schools.

Third, there is a strong core of dedicated people from the community who ably serve as directors and counselors. Local leaders who served as camp directors were Lynn Davis, Connie Lange, John Thompson, Parker Harrison, Jeff Schuurman, Tiffany Oliver, and Lance Homeniuk. All are educators who teach locally during the school year, bringing years of incredible experience to the camping environment. Also, LeTourneau student Garrett Day and LeTourneau adult student Cathy Murphy did their part as directors.

One LU graduate, Lee Wilkinson, who makes his living doing science classes in schools throughout the nation, lent a hand, and Doris Collier, who works at a school for small children, chipped in to help. Other directors were university instructors, including the athletic coaches.

"People begin applying for director/counselor positions a year in advance, so we have no trouble filling all the spots. Most of our counselors are LeTourneau University students, including two who are actually in our teacher education program," said Bath.

"I see the LeTourneau camping program as one of very best community services we offer," said Bill Gibbs, director of university relations. "Not only do we provide an incredible learning experience for the children, but we provide a valuable service to the moms and dads of the region. The camps are reasonably priced, carefully managed and far better than having to hear that terrible children's litany, 'I'm bored!' I am very grateful for the camps and the role they play," said Gibbs.

Hot Rods and Holiness

--by Dorothy Fisher

A recent visit to Longview meant rolling back the pages of their personal history for alumnus Dwayne King (ATBS '65) and his wife, Carolyn.

King, who is the Eurasian Regional Director for SEND International and oversees 55 missionary pilots serving around the world, recounts, "As we drove through downtown Longview, we kept pointing to places and saying, 'Remember when…' and when we got right in the middle of town, Carolyn said, 'Here's where the car died and I had to call you. Remember?'" recounts Dwayne.

King remembered that old car well. It was a 1948 Ford hot rod he had put together in Vestal, N.Y., for himself and his bride of two weeks to drive to Texas. It had an Oldsmobile engine, two chrome scavenger wheels and painted pipes. The engine was so big there was no room for the fuel pump, so Dwayne mounted an electric fuel pump inside the fender well. There were no floorboards because they had to stop every few miles to repair something and flooring just got in the way.

"We limped our way to Texas, but we got here. I just wanted to be a missionary pilot, just turn wrenches and drive airplanes. I knew from reading the NOW magazine with my grandfather that I could learn that here at LeTourneau," said King.

It was the hot rod that Carolyn was driving when it stopped cold. She called her husband. "The car won't go and I'm stuck in the middle of the street," she told him.

"Kick the back part of the left front fender. Kick it really hard with the switch on. Then listen for the tick, tick, tick and that will mean the fuel pump is working," he instructed. She threw the switch on, gave the fender a mighty kick and heard the sweet sound of a ticking fuel pump. With the fuel pump working, she was able to start the car and make it back to campus.

The old hot rod is long gone, but as the Kings drove the streets of Longview they found there was one thing that had not changed: Fay Livers' welding shop, where Dwayne worked all though college.

Dwayne and Carolyn King

It was still there, an old building with scripture verses up on a big marquee in front.

King recalled,

Fay Livers and the marquee for Longview Welding.

"The first time I saw the shop, I thought this guy must really be a fanatic." But after he worked there for a while he came to love and respect Fay. An unabashed love for his Lord just naturally spilled out in everything Livers did. "The customers would come in and see the mechanics down on their knees in this messy old office and hear us praying." Dwayne learned the power of prayer, faith and holiness from Fay, a LeTourneau alum (MES '53) and former Board of Trustees member.

The building is still there, run by another LU alum, Norm Hawes (WE '75). The verses still can be seen from Highway 80 and the mechanics still pray.

All that is missing is Fay Livers, who went to be with his Lord this summer. Dwayne came to Longview to pay his last respects at the funeral and join the long list of alumni, friends and members of the community who had been impacted by a man who put his Lord first and foremost in everything he did.

"Fay Livers was my greatest mentor," said King.

And now King, far from Longview, continues his own mentoring. Men like Daniil Marchenko, a young Russian who has served as an interpreter for King in his missionary work and with King's encouragement, plans to come to LeTourneau next year to learn how to be a missionary pilot, too.

Since his LeTourneau days King has flown 40 types of aircraft and has logged more than 10,500 hours in the air. But he has never forgotten that old hot rod, or the man whose life changed him forever.

Floyd Bishop (1925-2000)

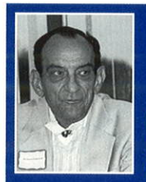
Professor Emeritus of Aviation Floyd Bishop went to be with his Lord on July 22, 2000. He was 74.

He is survived by his wife Emma, two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Bishop taught on the faculty of LeTourneau from 1966 until his retirement in 1994. He remained actively involved with campus life and was a community minded citizen who regularly volunteered his time and energies to a number of organizations, including the Literacy Program of Longview, Child Evangelism Fellowship, First Baptist Church and the chaplaincy program at Good Shepherd Medical Center.

"Floyd was an outstanding faculty member, devoted husband and father and, most of all, a follower of Jesus Christ. In everything he did, he exemplified the character of Christ. We were privileged to know him and work with him," said Bill Gibbs, director of university relations.

The family has requested that memorials be made to LeTourneau University, P.O. Box 7001, Longview, Texas 75607.



Richard Johnston (1925-2000)

BUILDING FOR THE KINGDOM

"…The builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself." (Heb. 3:3b)

Richard Johnston changed the face of the campus. His construction company, M. Clint Brown Co., built the Margaret Estes Learning Resource Center, the R.G. LeTourneau Memorial Student Center, and a variety of student housing.

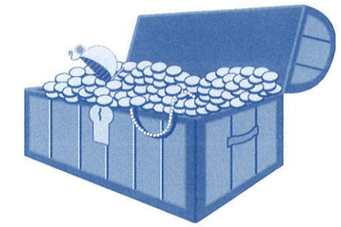
Mr. Johnston also changed the lives of those around him. His construction efforts were never limited to bricks and mortar. He lived a principled, ethical godly life, and used his time to build both earth-bound structures and the Kingdom of God.

In late June, family, friends and LeTourneau staff members met to honor the life of Mr. Johnston. The occasion, which came at the suggestion of Johnston's long-time friend and former employee, Terry McKinley, was an opportunity to thank Mr. Johnston for a lifetime of commitment to Longview, to LeTourneau and to his Lord.

Just a few weeks later, on Aug. 7, he passed away. He was 75.

Next year, when the Glaske Center for Engineering, Science and Technology is dedicated, a room will named in his honor in the new facility.

Storing Up TREASURE



"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:21

It is an incredible privilege to labor in the vineyard called Christian Higher Education! Could there be any finer work? I don't think so.

The Christian movement and education began life together in America. It was out of the Christian movement that education began and by the Christian movement that education was nurtured. Ninety-five percent of the colleges and universities of this country were founded by Christian bodies. Higher education was in the hands of the church.

Then times changed. Large state universities grew up and took education out of the hands of the Church. Education become secularized. Today, the pendulum is swinging back toward values and religion in education. Once again, Christian higher education is experiencing significant growth.

If it is a privilege to labor in this vineyard, it is an even greater blessing to work in fund-raising and development for Christian higher education. I would not do this work for a secular or state institution. Secular education has given spokes to the wheel, but no hub. It has given nothing that binds life into central meaning and integration. Only Christian higher education integrates faith and learning. We educate the whole person.

I will never forget one of my college economics students. Misty did not come from a Christian home or background but she enrolled in our Christian college. Her single mom struggled to provide for her family and so Misty worked her way through college with a campus job and plenty of financial aid. On a university mission trip to Canada and the Northwest, Misty accepted Christ and became a whole person. It was a privilege to be part of her spiritual pilgrimage and to have a significant impact on her life.

By the way, after Misty graduated, she called me to say she had two incredible job offers in her computer technology field. Her time at a Christian college prepared her spiritually and professionally for an exciting future.

Is Christian higher education an excellent investment? Yes! Is Christian higher education an eternal investment? Yes! An investment in a Christian student is storing up treasures in Heaven. I thank you for your support and encourage you to keep LeTourneau in mind as a way to advance the Kingdom.

If I can help or answer any questions on ways you can give, let me know.

Dr. Tom Nisbett
Vice President for University Advancement

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